

From: [Eoc, Epahq](#)
To: [Eoc, Epahq](#)
Subject: EOC Spot Report Update #7: Region 6, Fire at International Terminal Corporation, Deer Park, TX (NRC# 1240304 and 1240312)
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 7:23:18 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

This report is being sent as a bcc to prevent accidental Reply to All messages.

UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY



EOC Spot Report Update #7: Region 6, Fire at International Terminal Corporation, Deer Park, TX (NRC# 1240304 and 1240312)

**US Environmental Protection Agency
Report as of March 22, 2019 8:23 EDT**

Overview: On March 17th, Region 6 was notified about the fire at International Terminal Corporation (ITC) in Deer Park, Houston TX. A tank containing naphtha caught fire. The total capacity of the tank is 80,000 barrels. The PRP initiated sampling of all brands of foam used during the response to determine if any contained PFOS and PFOA. Water sampling operations are ongoing with additional sampling for PFOS and PFOA and other contaminants.

At approximately 3:40 pm on March 22, 2019 three tanks reignited. The fire spread from the containment area through the breached containment wall into the ditch on Tidal Road. A shelter in place recommendation was in effect for industrial neighbors, the Battleship Texas and Monument State Park. There was no shelter in place for the city of Deer Park.

The TAGA air sampling found exceedances of the short-term AMCV for benzene.

State, Local, and other Federal Agency Action: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is on scene. The PRP has contracted with an incident management team to help manage the incident. The contractor mobilized additional resources (skimmers, vac trucks, and frac tanks) to conduct cleanup operations at the Tucker and Buffalo Bayou. USCG personnel are participating in Unified Command, focusing on water operations in Tucker Bayou (booming and skimming of foam).

EPA Actions: EPA and START mobilized on March 17th and entered Unified Command with TCEQ, Harris County Pollution Control Services Department (HCPCS), and ITC. There are currently 3 Region 6 OSCs on scene.

ASPECT continues to provide airborne sensing. EPA conducted handheld air monitoring efforts are on-going. The Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) bus is on site.

EPA opened a Federal Project Number for \$50,000 to fund assistance received from NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator.

Media Interest: High

<https://abc13.com/cleanup-continues-after-fire-break-out-itc-facility/5212074/>

The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provide updates as needed
UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Jonathan Pettit, Watch Officer
U.S Environmental Protection Agency
Headquarters Emergency Operations Center
1200 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, DC 20460
202-564-3850
<mailto:eoc.epahq@epa.gov>